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16. (U) SUMMARY: THIS REPORT FORWARDS EXTRACTS FROM AMEMB BUENOS AIRES CABLE 7971 DTG 252029Z SEP 79. THAT MESSAGE DESCRIBES, AMONG OTHER TOPICS, REACTIONS OF ARGENTINE ARMY, NAVY, AND AIR FORCE SENIOR OFFICERS TO CURRENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN LATIN AMERICA. THEIR CONSENSUS WAS THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAD MADE GAINS IN THE HEMISPHERE BUT THAT MORE INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. EXPERTS ON THIS TOPIC IN THE FUTURE WOULD BE WELCOME.

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22. (U) DETAILS: A. ON 790917 AND 790918, DR. SCOTT ((PALMER)), FSI LATIN AMERICAN EXPERT, PRESENTED MATERIAL TO ARGENTINE MILITARY AUDIENCES AS PART OF A USICA PROGRAM. FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM AN UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE DESCRIBE THE REACTIONS NOTED:

(1) ON 790917, DR. PALMER MET WITH THREE ARMY COLONELS, ONE OF WHO OCCUPIES A KEY POST IN ARMY MILITARY TRAINING COMMAND, THREE NAVY CAPTAINS, ONE A MEMBER OF THE NAVY COMMANDER'S CABINET, AND AN AIR FORCE COMMODORE, CHIEF OF THE POLITICAL OFFICE AT AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS. MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY A NAVY CAPTAIN WHO IS CHIEF OF DEFENSE MINISTRY'S POLITICAL OFFICE. PALMER BEGAN WITH 20-MINUTE SUMMARY OF CURRENT MAJOR THEMES IN U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN POLICY. HE TRACED DEVELOPMENT OF A PRO-HUMAN RIGHTS STANCE IN U.S. CONGRESS AS A RESULT OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, AMERICAN FRUSTRATION WITH VIETNAM, CAMBODIA AND WATERGATE. HE POINTED OUT THAT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY TENDENCY WAS TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS AND PLURALISTIC DEVELOPMENT AS A MEANS OF PROMOTING THE TYPE OF STABILITY ESSENTIAL TO A PEACEFUL AND DEMOCRATIC WORLD. HE ASKED HIS AUDIENCE TO PUT ASIDE TRADITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND CONSIDER HOW HUMAN RIGHTS CAN AID NATIONAL SECURITY BY PROMOTING ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. IN AN ANIMATED AND CORDIAL ONE-HOUR DISCUSSION THAT FOLLOWED, AUDIENCE OF WELL-INFORMED ARGENTINES APPROVED GENERALLY OF THE IDEALS BEHIND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AS EXPLAINED BY PALMER, BUT DISAGREED WITH HIM ON GROUND THAT WHILE U.S. WAS ALLOWING PLURALISM (E.G. NICARAGUA) TO DEVELOP, SOVIET UNION WAS ACTIVELY BACKING GROUPS THAT WOULD SUPPORT IT AGAINST THE U.S.

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(2) ON 790918, DR. PALMER LECTURED ON CURRENT HEMISPHERIC ISSUES AND THE FORMULATION OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AT ARGENTINE ARMY WAR COLLEGE. AUDIENCE OF FORTY-ONE COLONELS, LIEUTENANT COLONELS, AND MAJORS LISTENED TO PALMER'S EXPOSITION OF CURRENT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND RAISED QUESTIONS REGARDING U.S. LEADERSHIP OF THE WESTERN WORLD, U.S. POLICY TOWARDS LATIN AMERICA, THE MARXIST PENETRATION IN LATIN AMERICA, THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE CUBAN ROLE IN CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS THERE, THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY. DR. PALMER HAD AN ADDITIONAL HALF-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR OF WAR COLLEGE AND SEVEN SENIOR COLONELS. THEY APPROVED THE IDEAS BEHIND U.S. FOREIGN POLICY BUT THEY DISAGREED WITH HIS ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES WHICH THEY SAID WOULD BENEFIT THE SOVIET UNION IN THE LONG TERM. THE DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL, GENERAL ADAN JOSE ((ALONSO)), SAID "THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY VALUABLE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND WE ARE WILLING TO HAVE MORE PROGRAMS LIKE THIS IN THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR."

~~(C/NOFORN)~~ COMMENT: USICA PROGRAM GOALS INCLUDE PRESENTING EXPERT VIEWS ON HOW U.S. FOREIGN POLICY DECISIONS ARE MADE. THIS [redacted] (b)(3):10 USC 424 PROVIDES BACKGROUND BRIEFINGS TO DESIGNATED SPEAKERS AND EITHER ATTENDS THE PRESENTATIONS OR EXTRACTS FROM USICA REPORTS WHEN POSSIBLE.

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1. Dr. David Scott Palmer, Ampart PGM/DF:

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3. Dr. Palmer lectured at the CEINAR

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on September 17 at 11:00 a.m. His talk covered regional disputes, Nicaragua, and positive and negative effects of foreign influence on national development. Among fifteen top level participants in attendence were the President of the CEINAR, Political Attaché of the Bolivian Embassy, Economic Attaché of the Brazilian Embassy, researchers of CEINAR, professors of International Relations at Universities of Belgrano, El Salvador, Buenos Aires, and Catholic University. Palmer gave forty-five-minute presentation, very well structured, succinct, well delivered, followed by forty-five-minute discussion of new thrust of American foreign policy in the Latin american area and consequences of the human rights policy. Given these topics, presentation and discussion supported Post objectives extremely well. On the same day, the president of CEINAR gave working luncheon for Dr. Palmer with Chairman of International Relations of CEINAR. They discussed new U.S. national security doctrine and compared it with Latin american military's interpretation of U.S. doctrine. ~~At 15:00 hs.~~ Dr. Palmer met with three army colonels, one of whom occupies a key post in Army military training command, three

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Navy Captains, one a member of the Navy Commander's cabinet, and an Air Force Commodore, chief of the political office at Air Force headquarters. Meeting was chaired by a Navy Captain who is chief of Defense Ministry's Political Office. Palmer began with 20-minute summary of current major themes in U.S.-Latin American Policy. He traced development of a pro-human rights stance in U.S. Congress as a result of, among other things, American frustration with Vietnam, Cambodia and Watergate. He pointed out that U.S. foreign policy tendency was to support human rights and pluralistic development as a means of promoting the type of stability essential to a peaceful and democratic world. He asked his audience to put aside traditional considerations of National Security and consider how human rights can aid national security by promoting economic, political and social development. In an animated and cordial one-hour discussion that followed, audience of well-informed Argentines approved generally of the ideals behind U.S. foreign policy as explained by Palmer, but disagreed with him on ground that while U.S. was allowing pluralism (e.g., Nicaragua) to develop, Soviet Union was actively backing groups that would support it against

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the U.S. At 18:00 hrs. Palmer lectured on Inter-american Relations at the Argentine FSI. Lecture was attended by 42 student diplomats and Foreign Ministry officials, including Ambassador Jorge Cordoba and Ambassador Julio Cesar Carasalles, Director of Argentine FSI, who made a very thoughtful introduction. Forty-five-minute presentation -- very well structured, succinct, well delivered was followed by sixty-minute discussion of U.S. Foreign Policy toward Cuba, Nicaragua, and El Salvador; U.S. custom barriers against Latin American products; non-interference attitude toward new political systems in Latin America; and 1980 U.S. elections. The FSI Director invited Dr. Palmer to return for future programs at the Institute. That night Dr. Palmer attended a dinner given by Embassy Naval Attaché where he was briefed on Argentina's military situation, and on the Army War College. On September 18 at 10:00 hrs. Dr. Palmer lectured on "The Theory of Dependency and the new concept of National Strategy" at School of Advanced International Studies, University of Belgrano. Among fifty participants who attended were Director

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and senior members of Institute of Strategic Studies, trade union and political party leaders, and 20 professors of International Relations from universities of Buenos Aires, Belgrano, Salvador y Católica, plus selected graduate students of the International Relations Program of Belgrano. Thirty-five-minute presentation, very well structured, succinct, well delivered. Sixty-minute discussion with sharp and forceful intervention by General Teofilo Goyret, Director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, Juan José Taccone, Union leader and president of the Fundación America Latina 2001, and Raúl Cuello, leading economist. Following this lecture Dr. Palmer was guest of honor at luncheon offered by Rector Avelino Porto of University of Belgrano, attended by Vice-Rector, Dean of Graduate School, and specialists in International Relations. ~~That~~ On 18 Sep 77, ~~afternoon~~ Palmer lectured on Current Hemispheric Issues and the formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy at Argentine Army War College. Audience of forty-one Colonels, Lieutenant Colonels, and Majors listened to Palmer's exposition of current U.S. foreign policy and raised questions regarding U.S. leadership of the Western World, U.S. Policy towards Latin America, the Marxist penetration in Latin America, the political

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situation in Central America and the Cuban role in current developments there, the new international economic order, and the human rights policy. Dr. Palmer had an additional half-hour discussion with the Director of War College and seven senior colonels. They approved the ideas behind U.S. foreign policy but they disagreed with his assessment of the potential consequences which they said would benefit the Soviet Union in the long term. The Director of the School, General Adan José Alonso, said, "This was an extremely valuable exchange of ideas and we are willing to have more programs like this in the next academic year."

4. Dr. Palmer was briefed by the Charge d' Affaires, Political Counselor, Milgroup representatives, Economic Counsellor, the PAO, CAO, and IO. He was interviewed by ATC color "60 minutos" (leading TV News in Argentina) and by the newspaper "Convicción." Post's significant initial press releases stimulated extensive press coverage during visit.

5. The Post considers Dr. Palmer's visit extremely useful to Post objectives. He made extensive contacts with influential Argentine audiences, such as high ranking military officers, union leaders, economists, top international relations specialists, and law

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professors. He made a valuable contribution in giving these audiences better understanding of the coherence and strength of U.S. Global Politico-Military Strategy, and of the formulation, application and implications of U.S. Foreign Policy toward Latin America.

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